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Mural artist Yermo Aranda works on completing a huge outdoor mural Wednesday at Hall District Elementary School. (Photos by Tarmo Hannula/Register-Pajaronian)

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"The students came up with about 100 drawings of what they hoped to see go into the mural," Aranda said. "I worked with them to form an overall piece. There're some good artists here on campus."

Principal Guillermo Ramos said, "I think the mural is awesome. It reflects the community and our students. I am so proud that our students are a part of this project and I'm sure they are too. I was lucky to work with Yermo about 18 years ago at Calabasas Elementary School."

Ramos said he now hopes to do another mural next year.

"Our school is really turned on to the arts," Ramos said. "We know the importance of bringing back music and painting. We know the community wants to see the arts in the school. We are working on that."

The new mural, measuring 30-by-14 feet, is made of high quality acrylic paint and faces the school playground.

Aranda of Aromas is responsible for about 60 other murals in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, most of which were student collaborations. Reyna Toledo was Aranda's assistant with the Hall mural and numerous others.

Students from grade two through five helped with the mural.